THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): An amount of Rs. 10.05 crores has been spent upto 31st March, 1986 on providing relief measures to Sri Lankan refugees and on the construction of camps for housing them.

Proposal to entrust security of Amritsar and Gurdaspur Districts to Para-Military Forces

1495. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided to entrust the security of Amritsar to the CRPF and that of Gurdaspur to the Border Security Force;

(b) if so, whether this decision of Government was reversed within 24 hours; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Government of Punjab have informed that in order to check terrorist activities CRPF has been deployed in district Amritsar and BSF has been deployed in district Gurdaspur.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Reduction in the price of wheat by the F.C.I.

1496. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Food Corporation of India has reduced the price of wheat to be sold in the open market; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India have reduced the price of wheat for sale in the open market from Rs. 220 to Rs. 205 per quintal, from 16-7-1986.

Setting up of Flour Mills in the Country

1497. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any licence is required for setting up of flour mills in different parts of the country especially in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the criteria laid down by the Central Government for setting up of flour mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) The roller flour milling industry has now been exempted from the licensing provisions of the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act subject to the following conditions:—

1. The industrial undertaking may not be located:

(a) within the standard urban area limit as determined in the Census of India, 1981, of a city having a population of more than one million; or

(b) within the municipal limits of a city with a population of more than five lakhs as determined in the said Census.

2. The industrial undertaking does not fall within the purview

of MRTP Act or Foreign Exchange Regulation Act.

Action against Government Employees for making False L.T.C. claims

1498. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Government Employees and the total amount drawn by them as Leave Travel Concession advances by submitting false vouchers; and

(b) the number of employees involved in such frauds who were awarded punishments and the nature of punishments?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) Controlling authorities in various offices, who check the Travelling Allowance Bills of Central Government Employees, also check the Leave Travel Concession Bills submitted in adjustment of the advances drawn by them, before approving the bills. These authorities scrutinise the vouchers submitted by the employees in support of the expenditure incurred by them on Leave Travel Concession and detect false claims, if any. Information in this regard is not centrally monitored by the Department of Personnel and Training.

(b) Penalties as a result of disciplinary proceedings are imposed on Government Employees for all acts of mis-conduct, including fraudulent L.T.C. claims, by Disciplinary Authorities at different levels in all the Central Government Offices located throughout the country. The nature of the penalty awarded varies from case to case depending on merits. Information in this regard is also not centrally monitored by the Department of Personnel and Training.

Findings of Inquiry into entry of Kuwaitis in Kerala

1499. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the findings of the Inquiry held into the illegal entry at the Trivandrum Airport of two Kuwaitis who were treated as paid guests of the State Government and the amount of money and gifts distributed by them; and

(b) whether some personal assistants secretaries of Kerala Government VIPs were involved in the affairs, if so, the names of the VIPs and action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) The findings of the inquiry are awaited from the Government of Kerala.

Representation of officials of Different State Cadres at Secretary Level in the Central Government

1500. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether imbalance in the representation at Secretary level in the Central Government has been corrected as there were ten Secretaries from Uttar Pradesh and twelve Additional Secretaries from Madhya Pradesh; while none from Gujarat and only two from Maharashtra;

(b) what is the mechanism for the appointment at the Secretary level cadre and how does it operate;

(c) what care is being taken to see that no State is under-represented;

(d) whether alternative methods of selection have been thought of or